

All of Our Gratitude

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NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul!

MASSSES FOR NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5, 2021

Tuesday		
8:30 a.m.	(FDY)	✠ Mary Held by St. Pius X Church
Wednesday		
8:30 a.m.	(FDY)	✠ Jim Kaminski by Eileen Kaminski
Thursday		
8:30 a.m.	(FDY)	✠ Ben Limpach by John Stock
Friday		
8:30 a.m.	(FDY)	✠ Linda Dosch by George Dosch
Saturday		
4:30 p.m.	(FDY)	✠ John Edward Downing by Mary Parker
Sunday		
8:00 a.m.	(MPG)	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	(FRM)	Kaiden Riesenberg by The Wasco Family

VOCATION PRAYER

In every age Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel. Fill St. Pius with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world because of our love for You. Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women and enthusiastic youth. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



NEWLY REGISTERED:

Adam, Shana & Dominic Winebrenner;
Steven & Cheryll Lucas; Dauna Koval;
Ryan, Andrea, Pierce & Logan Rollason;
Matthew, Amanda, Eleanor & Madilyn Whitacre

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5, 2021

Monday	Liturgy of the Hours Rosary WWP Morning Session Rosary for the Sick Divine Mercy Adult Choir TMIY	Church Church Parish Center Church Church Church & Choir Room Parish Center, Room A	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15-9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Hours School Mass Adult Choir Finance Meeting	Church Church Church Parish Center, Mt. Room	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00-9:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Liturgy of the Hours Eucharistic Exposition Holy Hour Senior Fellowship Meeting RCIA The Armory Meeting	Church Sacred Heart Chapel Church Sanctuary Parish Center, Room A Parish Center, Room A Workshop	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m./1:00-9:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m. 12:30-1:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	TMIY Children's Choir WWP New Creation	Parish Center, Room A Church Parish Center Church	5:45 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	Men's FS/SS Confessions K of C Rosary – First Saturday SVDP Collection	Parish Center, Meeting Room Church Church Church	7:30 a.m. 2:30-4:00 p.m. After Mass After Mass
Sunday	SVDP Collection Rosary PSR	Church Sacred Heart Chapel School	After Masses 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rosary will continue to be said every Sunday at 11:10 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Please **DO NOT** leave your contribution envelopes in the big white mailbox facing the parking lot! There is a black locked mailbox on the front porch railing next to the Rectory front door. Please use this one for any envelopes or correspondence for the business office.

The K of C is having their All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses this weekend. Please stop over to get a good breakfast to start your day!

The Advent Evening of Reflection will be this Sunday evening, November 28 in the church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sr. Maxine Shonk will lead us in reflection. What a wonderful way to begin the Advent Season!

This weekend, we will begin the Adopt-A-Child Christmas program. Please read the article in the bulletin carefully. There are some items that can be purchased and brought in next weekend before the selection of items begins. If you select a name or item, please be certain to return it promptly on the collection weekend as gifts get distributed to the agencies very quickly. Monetary donations are always accepted!

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be making their monthly collection next weekend, December 4/5. This is one week earlier. Please remember those who are less fortunate next weekend.

IN OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION:

There are three ways to register to become a parishioner of St. Pius X.

1. Please go to our website, www.spxreynoldsburg.com, and complete the online form and submit it;
2. Come to the Rectory during office hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to obtain the form to complete, or
3. Call the Rectory and we will send you a form to complete.

It is requested that if you are attending St. Pius X that you register as a member of the parish.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION IN THE NEW SACRED HEART CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAYS: St. Pius X Church will be offering Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel on Wednesdays, unless noted in the bulletin, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and again from 1:00-9:00 p.m. From 12:00-1:00 p.m., Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will take place on the main altar of the church during Holy Hour. Confessions are heard during this hour, unless noted. We request that three people sign up for each hour that Exposition and Adoration is in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please go to our website to sign up for a time slot in the Chapel.

SR. MAXINE will now be available in the SPX Bride's Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. You can stop in to talk with her, with or without an appointment. For appointments, please call the Rectory at 614-866-2859. Sr. Maxine is a Spiritual Mentor and Pastoral Minister. If you need to talk through an issue and just need a friendly listener, Sr. Maxine is available; or if you are looking for prayer resources for your family or yourself, she has a large collection of them built up over the years and is happy to share them with you. Everything is held in strict confidence!

"THE WORD AMONG US" AND "LIVING FAITH" publications are now available in the Rectory office, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A suggested donation of \$1.00 per book for the "Living Faith" and \$2.00 per book for "The Word Among Us" is appreciated.

CONFESSIONS AT ST. PIUS X DURING ADVENT: Confessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, December 4, 11 & 18. Confessions will also be heard during Holy Hour on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). St. Pius X will not hold a penance service this year. If you prefer a penance service, you are encouraged to attend one at one of the other eastside churches.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP: Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room A. Refreshments will be available. This will be the last meeting for 2021 Membership dues to be paid, Attention: Barb Martin: January thru March 2022. New officers have been elected for 2022 and they are:

President: Mary Theodoras
Vice-President: Dave Mayer
Secretary: Patty Gallagher
Treasurer: Barb Martin

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Can't make Mass on Sunday? Want Communion at home? Call Leah Kelly at the rectory at 614-866-2859 to schedule an appointment.

ST. PIUS X LATCHKEY PROGRAM SEEKING CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS: The St. Pius X Latchkey Program is hiring Child Care Assistants for the remainder of the school year. The need to staff the positions is immediate and urgent. The role will assist and supervise students enrolled in the after-care program and manage student-related activities. The hours are 2:30-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and follow the school calendar. Requirements include: BCI and FBI background check and completion of the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children workshop. High schoolers are encouraged to apply. For more information or to express interest in this position, please contact Beth Antommarchi at BAntommarchi@spxreynoldsburg.com.

SPX PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K: We have a few openings in the 4 & 5 year old classes right here at St. Pius X Preschool & Pre-K. The children in this program need to be 4 years of age by September 30, 2021. So please tell your relatives and friends with little ones to give us a call at 614-577-0826 or email smiller@spxelementary.com for more information. Let us help get your child kindergarten ready in our safe and friendly environment.

ST. PIUS X ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST, NOVEMBER 28: Council 5253 will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, November 28, in the Msgr. David R. Funk Parish Family Center. The breakfast will consist of fresh buttermilk pancakes, all-you-can-eat (regular and blueberry), sausage, hash-browns, warm syrup, fruit, and hot & cold beverages. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and \$20.00 for Family. All proceeds will support the SOS (Support Our Seminarians) Fund. Come out and have a great breakfast and support our Seminarians.

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION: Come join us on Sunday Evening, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the church for an evening of prayer and reflection, led by Sister Maxine, as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and prepare for the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 28, 7:00 P.M., IN THE CHURCH WITH SR. MAXINE: "Giving Birth to God" Come join me for a time of prayer together as we reflect on the Christmas Miracle of bringing God to birth. To carry us through the Advent period, the time of waiting for the Holy Child, we will reflect on Mary's experience of giving birth in her youth and openness ... We will then reflect on how we all need to continue the birthing process through our lives.


FORGE: "AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER..." PROVERBS 27:17

Junior high guys... This one's for you! Join us two Sundays a month in Hohman Hall between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses for food, fun competitions, and GUY TALKS based on truths found in the Bible. We'll discuss things like STRENGTH, BOLDNESS, and CHARACTER, and talk about what makes a guy a REAL MAN. If you'd like to find out more, join us for our Open House on Sunday, November 28th, from 8:50-9:50 a.m. You may also contact us at spx_cia_news@yahoo.com with any questions, or to register and get on our email list. Our first two Sessions will be held December 5th and 19th.

* Please note: Forge is being offered in addition to Parish School of Religion classes and is not a substitute for PSR.

The SPX Men's Ministry

The Armory



Equipping Men To Restore All Things In Christ!

In the Armory with Saint Joseph

What/When: First Wednesday Men's Fellowship
December 1st from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Who: All men 18 and older (16-17 with dad)

Where: In the St. Joseph Workshop
of Parish Family Center

Cost: Free and no need to RSVP

Includes hot food item and cold beverages

December's Theme:
Bishop Barron's Catholicism Episode 8
A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints

"SCOUTING FOR FOOD": Cub Scout Pack 326 will be collecting donations to support The Helping Hands Food Pantry for the month of December. Collections can be dropped off at the collection box in the vestibule from December 1st through December 29th. If you'd like to schedule a pick-up instead, we will come to your residence and collect from your porch. Please call 954-616-9323 and leave a message with your address, phone number and where you will leave your dry goods. The following dry and canned goods are suggested for December:

- **Canned Fruit**
- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Canned Soup**
- **Boxed Stuffing**
- **Boxed Mashed Potatoes**
- **Desserts: Jello, Pudding, Brownies**



Thank you very much for your generosity and your continued support for those less fortunate in our Community during this Christmas season!

LENDING LIBRARY IN THE NEW BOOKCASES: We are getting the bookcase set up in the vestibule. The books that are in the bookcase are part of the lending library. Take one, read it and bring it back. The books that are by Matthew Kelly/Dynamic Catholic are free for the taking! These books do not need to be returned.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: There are still 58 baby bottles that have not been turned in. It is requested that **ALL** bottles be turned in within the next two weeks to the church vestibule, collection basket or the Rectory, **either empty or with money/check in them.** These bottles are reused and if we do not turn in all the bottles, the Pregnancy Distress Health Center must replace them. St. Pius X Church so far **has raised \$4,300.00** for this Campaign. Once all bottles are accounted for, the PDHC will give us a final tally for this life saving initiative.

"SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN"...But we need help from our SPX Elves. The St. Vincent de Paul ministry will once again prepare holiday gift bags for the 100+ residents at The Woodlands Assisted Living Facility. **Small** stocking stuffer such as chocolate candy (no nuts), candy canes, Life Savers candy, mints, lip balm, combs, emery boards, small puzzle books, etc., are greatly appreciated. Kindly drop off any items in the church vestibule on the weekends of November 27th/28th and December 4th/5th. **Look for the St. Vincent de Paul green and red tote in the Cry/ Quieting Room off the main vestibule.** Thank you, SPX Elves.

CARE PACKAGES FOR THE MILITARY: Will you have a military family member or relative deployed overseas over the holidays? Please contact St. Pius X Military Outreach program. We will furnish a care package for your military service member. Your family member will receive a goodie box filled with some of the comforts of home! Please contact Krista Schumacher at delroshoe@yahoo.com or (614) 323-7048 with information about your deployed family member and your contact information. If you would like to donate or be a part of our Military Outreach program, please contact Krista for information.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS: Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are in the November/December packets. These Envelopes must be received by the Rectory by **Monday, December 13** for your loved one's names to appear in the bulletin. Any parishioner using **Faith Direct** for flower donations should submit your loved one's names directly to the Rectory as well by **December 13.** (We do not receive the report from Faith Direct until after the names are due).

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Please submit your bulletin articles for December and the first weekend of January early in these months. Submission of bulletins for Christmas and New Year's weekends will be submitted up to two weeks early.

ADOPT-A-CHILD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COMING SOON!: The Adopt-A-Child Christmas Program is a wonderful tradition at St. Pius X and we are happy to be able to help provide Christmas for children and their families throughout central Ohio. The Adopt-A-Child program has been able to fulfill Christmas wishes throughout the years for hundreds of families in both our St. Pius community and beyond. This year, we will continue our work with the following groups: The Bish Foundation which supports children that have cancer along with their families, Our Lady of Guadalupe Center which is part of Catholic Social Services, and Choices Domestic Violence Shelter which will provide to children whose parents have had to seek refuge from an abusive relationship. Adopt-A-Child **SELECTION** weekend 2021 will be November 27th and November 28th. While we will have children with specific needs available to "adopt" on this weekend, we will also be collecting children's blankets, children's winter coats (for ages 5-12 years) and children themed toiletry items. The collection for these items will be before and after Masses on November 27th and 28th **ONLY.** The **COLLECTION** weekend for "adopted" child specific gifts will be **December 11th and 12th after all Masses ONLY.** Oftentimes, we get families from our parish and the surrounding area that have last minute needs, so monetary donations are also a huge help in the effort St. Pius X makes in fulfilling those needs and wishes. If you have any questions or know of any families in need, please text Ashleigh Mashensic at 440-453-4456 or amrn293@aol.com.

2021-2022 PSR CLASSES NEED ADULT AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS. The 2021-2022 St. Pius X PSR Classes are scheduled on Sundays from 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. unless there are Covid-19 adjustments. We need adult aides and high school aides for all PSR Classes. All adult PSR volunteers need to have the Protecting God's Children requirements of a VIRTUS PGC Class and fingerprinting before starting to work with the PSR students. High school students who are currently in high school do not need the PGC requirements. Please contact De Ann Bukowski 614-648-9191 cell

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN (SOS: "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS")

QUARTERLY DONATION: It is that time of year again – time to dig deep into your pockets, purses and wallets, and donate to our quarterly *Pennies From Heaven* Collection (a.k.a. SOS: "Support our Seminarians"). We would ask our parishioners to contribute to this quarterly collection, so we can send much needed funds to The Pontifical College Josephinum to support all the young men there in formation to be our future Priests! Please support this ongoing worthy cause, where 100% of all donations go to support our future Priests. **OUR NEXT COLLECTION WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 27/28 AFTER ALL MASSES.** Thanks for your generosity! Remember, without our Priests, there is no Mass, and without the Mass, there is no Eucharist! The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist (the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ) are the "source and summit of our Catholic Faith!" *Be part of the SPX family that supports our future Priests!*

THE VICKY MERCER TUITION ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT FUND:

An endowment fund has been set up with the Catholic Foundation in memory of Vicky Mercer, a beloved member of St. Pius X Parish. Vicky was very active at SPX for many years, sharing her time, talent, and treasure generously.

Vicky was a lector and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, as well as a member of the New Creation music ministry. She was active in the Knight of Columbus, Women's Club, Walking with Purpose, the spiritual life committee, the parish festival, RCIA team, and women's retreat. There was always fierce competition for the certificates for her famous cheesecake that she donated to the silent auction.

Vicky had a strong faith and a great sense of humor. Almost any conversation with her, ended in laughter. Her presence will be greatly missed in this life, but we know we shall see her in the life to come.

This endowment will help Vicky's generous spirit to live on. Vicky was planning to volunteer at the school during retirement but had not yet due to the COVID virus. This endowment is to help St. Pius X families who need tuition assistance. You may contribute to Vicky's endowment by placing your donation in an envelope labeled "Vicky Mercer Endowment" and bringing to the parish office or placing in the weekend collection. Also, you may go to the Catholic Foundation website and enter https://catholic-foundation.org/?s=320FCZ&post_type=fund to contribute.

ADVERTISING IN THE GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY: If you own a business and would like to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory, please contact Brenda Tolbert, Guide Book Publishing, at 314-745-4220 (Cell), btolbert1159@yahoo.com. Parishioners tend to patronize businesses who support our Directory.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Real Presence, Real Future reflections: A New Year, New Directions
Mary Thompson, St. Matthew Gahanna Parishioner & RPRF
Commission Member

The new liturgical year begins today, the annual cycle of seasons – Advent, anticipating the coming of the Messiah; Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time commemorating Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; and the year ending with Christ, King of the Universe.

As the Columbus Diocese moves forward in determining how to increase the presence of Christ and His Church through the *Real Presence, Real Future* initiative, let us remember the direction and hope proclaimed in today's Communion Prayer: "May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, You teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures."

For more about the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org.

JOIN DONATIONS: The Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs is very appreciative of our contributions and hopes that we can continue to donate toiletries that they can provide to others. Small size items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, shampoo and lotions are always needed and appreciated. Please look for the JOIN box in the side entrance or the main vestibule of the church to place your donations in.

BISHOP HARTLEY HONOR ROLL: On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of Bishop Hartley High School, I am pleased to send you the names of the students from your parish who achieved 1st Quarter Honor Roll. Students at Hartley must achieve a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in order to be named to the Honor Roll. We hope you will consider publishing these students' names in your parish bulletin in recognition of their fine work. The following Bishop Hartley High School students from your parish were named to Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter:

Chinedu Anigbogu, Gabriell Anzelmo, Andrew Bassetti, Faith Campbell, Charlotte Chamberlain, Abigail Dinardo, William Donnelly, Morgan Donnelly, Alexandria Etienne, Ella Ewing, Joseph Ferryman, Keeley Fishking, Caleb Francis, Nicholas Gebbie, Eyan Jackson, Audrey Jones, Brendan Laret, Andrew Lutz, Brogan Maloney, Luca Mampieri, Vincent Mampieri, Riley Mann, Grace Mashensic, Andrew McFeeters, Abigail Murphy, Grace Needham, Nathan Ogden, Maleah Ogden, Jarah Orndoff, Jacob Parker, Alex Piciucco, Kyle Pitcock, Rory Ralston, Olivia Ralston, Rayna Rodenkirchen, Jacob Ross, Ethan Ross, Sophia Sammler, Michael Scali, Jada Shade, William Sheridan, Katie Shuman, Cassidy Smith, Gianna Solinger, Zachary Starzyk, Emerson Summers, Mychaela Talieh, Bradley Teynor, Katherine Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Ann Trainer, Lola Vandemark, Katherine Wilson, Max Wymer

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILD UPDATE:

Stay tuned for more new additions coming.

This will continue to be a work in progress.

Thank you to everyone who has participated (or plans to participate) in our Capital Campaign through pledges, prayers, or both. Our goal, throughout this project, has been to build up our community, to strengthen the personal connections that unite us together as a parish family, and to provide new ways to grow closer to Christ Jesus. Please join me in praying for God's continued blessings on our parish.

– Fr. Dave

Financials for Our Capital Campaign: Pledge goal of \$4,594,915.00 and we are currently at \$4,596,961.00 and have received \$4,058,402.00 in cash. This will leave us \$2,046.00 above our goal. We have had several parishioners who have defaulted in their pledges and also several parishioners who have died. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

There will most likely be more of these moving forward. Fortunately, several of you have talked to me wanting to increase your pledges to cover some of these defaults which is just great. Thank you so very much. From all the Staff here at St. Pius X, Father Dave, and I, thank you and God Bless!

John Beyer, Capital Campaign Chair

AROUND TOWN

ST. CHARLES DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR WINTER PRODUCTION: The St. Charles Drama Department will hold women's auditions for its winter play *The K of D: An Urban Legend* by Laura Schellhardt on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7 & 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 E. Broad Street. Rehearsals will begin January 3, 2022. Production Dates: February 24-27, 2022 For more information, email drama director Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.



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November 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we are part of an amazing Parish, and have accomplished so much in the past several years. It is a known fact, (as evidenced in our latest projects), that when we all work together, we can accomplish great things with God's grace. We are now asking you for your help with donations to our Church offertory. Our weekly offertory is the primary way by which we pay all expenses across the campus, including: utilities, real estate taxes, our wonderful staff wages, maintenance, security, and supplies. Over the past couple years, we have seen a decline in offertory. We understand that, with the uncertainty of the pandemic and the unforeseen circumstances it brought, the offertory donations would be negatively affected. We are asking that you, the St. Pius X family, consider increasing your current weekly offertory donation (or begin contributing to our offertory program).

We have several ways by which you can contribute:

1. Faith Direct – our online eGiving program. This is the most effective and efficient way for you to give to the offertory. If you would like to enroll in eGiving you can do so in any of the following ways:

- Visit faith.direct/OH679
- Scan the code to the right with your smartphone-e camera.
- Call Faith Direct customer service toll-free at 866-507-8757
- For those already enrolled, you can make changes to your Faith Direct account by emailing info@faithdirect.net or calling our customer service team.



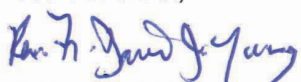
2. Placing cash/checks in the offertory basket in an envelope labeled offertory collections.
3. Dropping your offertory off at the Rectory.

*We have a great opportunity going on right now with our Faith Direct program. For every new parishioner to join and start contributing between November or December 2021, we receive a \$50 cash back bonus.

The weekends of December 4-5 and 11-12, before and after all Masses, we will be holding enrollment for the Faith Direct program. This will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions and to easily register with Faith Direct. This will happen in the newly built church vestibule.

As always, we are *sincerely* grateful for the wonderful generosity you share with St. Pius X, and especially for your prayers, your acts of kindness, and good will toward others, all of which are a beautiful witness to your faith in Christ. Together, let us strive to be the best possible stewards of God's marvelous gifts.

Yours in Christ,


Father David J. Young, Pastor


Brenda Brammer, Business Manager

**GIVING TUESDAY**

FAITH DIRECT DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider Faith Direct is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first offertory gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, Faith Direct will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

**We appreciate your generosity and your support of St. Pius X.
We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by
creating your recurring online gift today.**

Visit faith.direct/OH679

or reach out to the Faith Direct Customer Support team at 866-507-8757

2021 ADVENT CALENDAR

November 28	Advent Evening of Reflection, 7:00 p.m., Church
December 7	Vigil Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 7:00 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8:30 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation
December 12	Communal Anointing of the Sick following the 10:00 a.m. Mass
December 24	Christmas Eve Masses, 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 a.m. Note Change of Time THERE IS NO MIDNIGHT MASS THERE IS NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY EVENING FOR THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION
December 26	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
December 31	Vigil Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, 4:30 p.m.
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, 10:00 a.m. NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday obligation

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS EXTENDED TO 2:30-4:00 P.M.
BEGINNING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 THROUGH ADVENT



Saint Francis Xavier (April 7, 1506-December 3, 1552)

Saint Francis Xavier's Story:

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

All of us are called to "go and preach to all nations – see Matthew 28:19. Our preaching is not necessarily on distant shores but to our families, our children, our husband or wife, our coworkers. And we are called to preach not with words, but by our everyday lives. Only by sacrifice, the giving up of all selfish gain, could Francis Xavier be free to bear the Good News to the world. Sacrifice is leaving yourself behind at times for a greater good, the good of prayer, the good of helping someone in need, the good of just listening to another. The greatest gift we have is our time. Francis Xavier gave his to others.

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